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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system in a queue server for controlling the printing of a document, comprising:
 - a processor coupled to a local interface;
 - a memory coupled to the local interface; and
 - print queue logic stored in the memory and executable by the processor, the print queue logic including:
 - logic to place a print job ticket received from a client over a network in a printing queue, the printing queue determined by information contained in the print job ticket;
 - logic to determine if a printer associated with the printing queue is available to print the document, wherein the document remains stored in the client; and
 - logic to transmit the print job ticket to a print server associated with the printer if the printer is available to print the document, wherein the print job ticket identifies the address of the client on a network.
2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the printing queue is selected by the queue server from a plurality of printing queues, each of the plurality of printing queues logically associated with a print server and a corresponding printer.
3. (Original) The system according to claim 2, wherein the print job ticket is prioritized among previously received print job tickets based on information contained in the print job ticket.
4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the client generating the print job ticket specifies a destination printer and the queue server places the print job ticket in the a printing queue associated with the specified destination printer.

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5. (Original) The system according to claim 4, wherein the print job ticket is prioritized among previously received print job tickets based on information contained in the print job ticket.

6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the information contained in the print job ticket is at least one type of information selected from a client ID, a user ID, a group ID, a destination printer, a document size, a document content, a billing information, or a combination thereof.

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13. (Currently Amended) A method in a queue server for printing a document, comprising the steps of:

receiving a print job ticket in the queue server from a client over a network, wherein the document associated with the print job ticket remains stored in the client; and

placing the print job ticket in a printing queue, the printing queue determined by information contained in the print job ticket;

determining if a printer associated with the printing queue is available to print the document; and

logic to transmit the print job ticket to a print server associated with the printer if the printer is available to print the document, wherein the print job ticket identifies the address of the client on a network.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of selecting the printing queue from a plurality of printing queues, each of the plurality of printing queues logically associated with a print server and a corresponding printer.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the print job ticket specifies the a destination printer and the queue server places the print job ticket in the a printing queue associated with the specified destination printer.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of prioritizing the print job ticket among previously received print job tickets based on information contained in the print job ticket.

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17. (Current Amended) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the steps of:
parsing the a print job ticket; and
updating a statistical database with information contained in the print job ticket.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of generating a bill from the content of the statistical database.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of generating a log of printing activity from the content of the statistical database.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of responding to a printing network administrator control command or a client control command.